



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 14, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 54 - Solid Waste, of the City Code, to prevent uncollected garbage in the City and Section 1-7 entitled "Penalties" to include additional penalties for violations of Section 54-19; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY:

In the City of Coral Gables there are private waste contractors, also known as private collectors, that engage in the business of collecting and disposing of solid waste for properties and businesses that are not serviced by the City's Public Works Department. A significant portion of work performed by private collectors is to service the commercial businesses located throughout the City.

Issues have arisen when businesses close down and fail to close active waste collection accounts, or simply fail to pay for ongoing solid waste collection. Under the current City Code, and end-user contracts with private waste contractors, defaults for non-payment or failure to maintain a current waste collection account results in the City absorbing the ongoing waste collection responsibility, which then leads to the City acting in the place of a debt collector in order to be reimbursed for the waste collection expenditures, which are the responsibility of commercial property owners.

The City does not desire to continue to perform these functions, specifically that of debt collector, and desires to amend the code in order to shift the responsibility back to the appropriate parties, provide for additional enforcement mechanisms, and ensure that no uncollected garbage accumulates in the areas not serviced by the City.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance